



New Hampshire Hunter Jumper Association

- Rulebook -

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General Rules

1. Hunter/Jumper and Equitation points for year-end may be accumulated only at NHHJA run shows. Points for NHHJA medal classes may be accumulated only at shows affiliated with NHHJA and in good standing.
2. NHHJA is an affiliate of NEHC and will follow the rules of NEHC
3. The show season for accumulating points for year-end awards will be from October 1 – September 31. The exhibitors' age for competition will follow NEHC rules, age as of December 1. After the completion of NH Medal Finals, riders may compete and accumulate points in the NH Medal classes that they will be eligible for the following year.
4. The New Hampshire Hunter Jumper Association abides by current NEHC show rules and regulations.
5. **All riders, owners and trainers must be members of NHHJA to participate in NHHJA run shows and to accumulate points for year-end awards.** To be eligible for year-end division awards, must have competed at a minimum of 3 shows in said division.
6. An amateur is defined by NHHJA as a person who derives less than 25% of their income from horses. Income from straight board is excluded from this calculation.
7. To vote with NHHJA, an individual member must be eligible to show as an adult the year the vote is taken. An individual is entitled to one (1) vote. A family membership is entitled to two (2) votes. A lifetime individual membership is entitled to one (1) vote. Membership must be paid in full for that year.
8. Any individual having problems, concerns, questions, or suggestions about the NHHJA organization, its rules or officers, must contact the president of NHHJA in writing. All letters will be referred to the committee. If applicable, an individual response will be sent.

9. NHHJA shows will be run under a strict code of conduct. Members will be found in poor standing if any of the following occur:
- A) Flagrant disregard of the rules
 - B) Failure to make good on insufficient funds within 60 days
 - C) The use of abusive or foul language
 - D) Disregard for the well-being of the horse

NOTE: If the association finds a member in poor standing... A) Points accumulated during the period in question will be revoked until the matter has been rectified. **B)** The Association will not renew or reinstate memberships until any outstanding funds have been paid.

10. Anyone operating ANY motorized vehicle (including, but not limited to, 4-wheelers, golf carts, mini bikes, scooters, farm utility vehicles) at any NHHJA show must have a valid driver's license.

11. NHHJA will charge Members or payors a \$25.00 fee for each check found by our bank to be returned for insufficient funds.

NHHJA By-laws

Article I – Purpose

Section 1: To make recommendations for the purpose of improving hunter and jumper show conditions in New Hampshire.

Section 2: To promote hunter and jumper activity in New Hampshire.

Article II – Members

Section 1: Any person may become a member of NHHJA upon application and approval of the officers. The membership fee, as stipulated by the officers, shall accompany the application.

Section 2: The classes of membership shall be Family and Grand Family (renewed annually), Individual – Adult or Junior (renewed annually), and Lifetime.

Article III – Officers

Section 1: The officers of the association shall consist of a president, vice president, corresponding secretary, hunter/jumper/equitation point secretary, medal point secretary, recording secretary, and treasurer. The officers shall serve for a period of two (2) years. Officers must be members in good standing with NHHJA. Officers may be replaced for the remainder of their term if unable to fulfill their duties of their office, are absent from two (2) or more meetings throughout the year, if they cease to be members, or if they choose not to finish their term. Such replacement is to be by a vote of the officers.

Section 2: President – the president shall have the general charge of the affairs of the association. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at meetings of the association and to perform such other duties that ordinarily pertain to the office. Duties of the president include, but are not limited to 1) must be a signor on the NHHJA account in addition to the treasurer. Bank statements are to be sent to the president to review, the president must then hand over the statement to the treasurer at the next meeting or at an agreed upon time. 2) Have an agenda prepared for all meetings.

Section 3: Vice President – it shall be the duty of the vice president to preside at meetings of the association in absence of the president and to perform such other duties that ordinarily pertain to the office.

Section 4: Recording Secretary – it shall be the duty of the recording secretary to record and preserve meeting minutes, maintain membership applications, and keep membership lists.

Section 5: Treasurer – shall have custody of all funds, accounting for the funds to the association at the annual meetings and to perform such other duties that ordinarily pertain to the office, including but not limited to 1) paying all bills for NHHJA within a timely manner, 2) collect monthly bank statements from the president and keep a balanced check book, 3) collect all monies from the horse shows, finals, banquet and any other NHHJA organized event and deposit said

monies within two (2) days time and 4) keep an accounting of all monies including cash amounts and give a report at each NHHJA meeting. The treasurer must also maintain relationship with lawyer and accountant to compile data for state and federal tax codes.

Section 6: Corresponding Secretary – it shall be the duty of the corresponding secretary to send out notices of the association, submit membership news to the Equine Journal, prepare and send advertisements for NHHJA to the Equine Journal.

Section 7: Hunter/Jumper/Equitation Point Secretary - it shall be the duty of the Hunter/Jumper/Equitation point secretary to receive show results from the show secretary, record and track Hunter/Jumper/Equitation points for all members, maintain accurate accounting of Hunter/Jumper/Equitation points recording, and other association duties that ordinarily pertain to the office.

Section 8: Medal Point Secretary - it shall be the duty of the medal point secretary to receive NH Medal class results from the show secretary, send and receive affiliate applications, keep membership lists, record and track NH Medal points for all members, maintain accurate accounting of NH Medal points recording, and other association duties that ordinarily pertain to the office.

Article IV – Meetings

Section 1: Meetings shall be held at a time and place to be agreed upon by the officers and rules committee members that have attended the previous meeting. Notification shall be made to the membership at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.

Section 2: All officers and rules committee members must attend all meetings. With two (2) unexcused absences, that member can be voted off the committee or out of office by the remaining officers.

Section 3: The annual meeting shall be held at a time and place to be agreed upon by the officers. Notification shall be made to the membership at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.

Article V – Dues

Section 1: All participants in NHHJA run horse shows must pay membership dues prior to, or at, the first show attended. This includes riders, owners and trainers.

Section 2: The annual membership dues are as follows:

- Family – 2 riders per family \$40.00
- Grand Family – 3 or more riders per family \$50.00
- Individual – Junior or Adult \$30.00
- Lifetime – 1 individual \$200.00

Article VI – Funds

Section 1: The funds of the association shall be disbursed by the treasurer under direction and by order of the officers. An accounting of receipts and expenditures shall be made to the officers prior to the meeting.

Section 2: At no time will NHHJA funds be used for anything other than NHHJA business.

Section 3: Any checks written over \$1,000.00 must be authorized by the officers.

Article VII – Committees

Section 1: The president of the association shall, subject to the approval of the remaining officers, appoint such committees as the president deems necessary. The president shall be an ex officio member of all committees.

Section 2: The rules and regulations recommended by the rules committee and/or the executive committee shall be voted on and binding on all members of the association.

Section 3: The rules committee shall consist of twelve (12) members to be nominated by and voted on by the membership for a two (2) year term. The members should represent a cross section of the membership. A total of twelve (12) members will be voted.

Section 4: The aide to the shows committee will consist of members that can be contacted to answer questions and provide technical assistance to horse show managers.

Article VIII – Amendments

Section 1: Amendments to these by-laws may be made at any regular and/or special meeting of the association by a majority vote of those present.

Visit www.nhhja.com for more a complete show schedule and membership information.

New Hampshire Hunter Jumper Association *Pointed Divisions*

Year-end awards are given in the following divisions:

| <u>Equitation</u> | <u>Hunters</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Leadline | Short Stirrup Hunter |
| Walk Trot Equitation | Suitable Hunter |
| Short Stirrup Equitation | Baby Green Hunter |
| Long Stirrup Equitation | Modified Children's Hunter |
| Modified Children's Eq. | Modified Adult Hunter |
| Modified Adult Eq. | Special Child/Am. Adult Hunter |
| Children's Equitation | Open Special Hunter |
| Hunt Seat Eq. Under 12 | Children's Hunter Pony |
| Hunt Seat Eq. 12-14 | Working Hunter Pony |
| Hunt Seat Eq. 15-17 | Children's Hunter |
| Adult Equitation | Amateur Adult Hunter |
| | Performance Hunter |
| <u>Jumpers</u> | <u>Pleasure</u> |
| Puddle Jumper (2'6") | Hunter Pleasure Horse |
| Schooling Jumper (3') | Pony Hunter Pleasure |
| Open Jumper (3'3"-3'6") | Walk Trot Pleasure |

NOTE: To be eligible for year-end division awards, must have competed in a minimum of 3 shows in said division.

High Point Awards

Junior High Point Rider: Awarded to the junior rider who accumulates the most points in all divisions.

Adult High Point Rider: Awarded to the amateur adult rider who accumulates the most points in all divisions.

Scholarships: Two (2) scholarships are awarded yearly to participating current NHHJA members. To be voted on by a panel chosen by committee members. Two (2) winners and one (1) alternate will be chosen. Awarded at the annual banquet. Monies are to be distributed from NHHJA directly to the school of choice.

Circulating Trophies: There are a number of challenge/memorial trophies awarded at the year-end banquet (see website for list). It is the responsibility of the recipient of any NHHJA challenge trophy to return the trophy in its clean and repaired state to the NH Finals of that year. If trophies are not returned on time, the recipient will be charged a fee of \$25.00

Year-End Awards Point System

| <i>Regular & Stake Classes</i> | | | <i>Stake/Championship</i> | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Place | 1-9 horses | 10+ horses | Place | 1-9 horses | 10+ horses |
| 1 | 16 | 18 | 1 | 20 | 22 |
| 2 | 14 | 16 | 2 | 18 | 20 |
| 3 | 12 | 14 | 3 | 16 | 18 |
| 4 | 10 | 12 | 4 | 14 | 16 |
| 5 | 8 | 10 | 5 | 12 | 14 |
| 6 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 10 | 12 |

Hunter Division Champion: 12 points

Hunter Division Reserve Champion: 10 points

***NOTE: To be eligible for Year-End Division Awards, must have competed in a minimum of 3 shows in said division.**

NH Medal Point Scoring

| Place | Points |
|-------|--------|
| 1 | 12 |
| 2 | 8 |
| 3 | 6 |
| 4 | 4 |
| 5 | 2 |
| 6 | 1 |

NH Medal Affiliation Requirements

1. NH affiliation can occur at any time during the year as long as it is 10 days prior to the show date.
2. Dates of the affiliated show will be posted on the NHHJA website.
3. Show medal affiliation fees will be \$50.00 per show for any and all medal classes. This fee is inclusive, regardless of how many medal classes are scheduled per show.
4. Each affiliated show must submit show results to the medal point secretary within 7 days following the show date. Failure to submit these to the medal point secretary on time will result in a \$25.00 fine and may result in the loss of affiliation.
5. Only judges rated by NEHC or USEF may judge NHHJA affiliated classes. Any exceptions must be approved by rules committee prior to competition.
6. Only one class per medal division may be offered per show day.
7. Courses for Junior, Adult, and Children's medal classes must consist of at least 8 fences. Courses for Novice, Modified Children's and Modified Adult medal classes must consist of at least 6 fences, with no in and out. There must be a safe area for warm-ups. Jumps must be well constructed.
8. At least 3 riders must complete the course in order for points to count.
9. Testing is optional and at the discretion of the judge.
10. Riders do not need to be NHHJA members to show in NH medal classes at affiliated shows, however, in order to accumulate points to qualify for the NH Medal Finals, a rider must be a current member of NHHJA. Riders may join the day of show.

Class Descriptions/Specifications

Equitation Classes

No rider may enter classes for more than one age group. The exhibitors' age for competition will follow NEHC rules, age as of December 1. Points can be accumulated only in the age group indicated on the application for membership. Martingales are prohibited on the flat.

The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF, www.usef.org) requires ALL persons mounted on a horse to wear properly fitted ASTM approved helmet with harness secured.

***Open Equitation Prep** - Open to junior and amateur adult riders. To be open all day, or as specified, and run at current fence heights. Riders must specify that their round is an Equitation Prep round. Only one round is permitted per rider. This division does not count towards Year End Awards.

***Lead Line Equitation/Lead Line Suitability** – Open to riders 8 years of age and under. Not to show in any other class/division at the same show. Leader and side-walkers must be over the age of 14 and appropriately dressed. Riders may not have competed off the lead.

Hunt Seat Walk-Trot Equitation – Open to riders 10 years of age and under. No child entered may compete in any other class requiring entries to canter or lope at the current show. Riders may not have ever been judged in a class requiring a canter at a previous show.

Hunt Seat Walk-Trot Equitation Championship – same specifications as Hunt Seat Walk-Trot Equitation class above. Must have entered, shown, and judged in the Hunt Seat Walk-Trot class in order to show in the Hunt Seat Walk-Trot Equitation Championship class.

Short Stirrup Equitation – Open to riders 12 years of age and under. Riders cannot have shown higher than 18” at any recognized show.

Short Stirrup Equitation Flat – to be judged at the walk, trot and canter in both ways of the ring. May be asked to halt and back. No more than 8 to canter at one time.

Short Stirrup Equitation O/F – to be shown over a minimum of 4 fences and a maximum of 8 fences, with fences not to exceed 18” in height. Fences may be taken at a trot or canter.

***Long Stirrup Equitation** – Open to riders 13 years of age and older. Riders cannot have shown higher than 2’ at any recognized show.

Long Stirrup Equitation Flat – to be judged at the walk, trot and canter in both ways of the ring. May be asked to halt and back. No more than 8 to canter at one time.

Long Stirrup Equitation O/F – to be shown over a minimum of 4 fences and a maximum of 8 fences, with fences not to exceed 18” in height. Fences may be taken at a trot or canter.

Hunt Seat Equitation Under 12 – fence heights not to exceed 2’3”.

Hunt Seat Equitation 12-14 – fence heights not to exceed 2’9”.

Hunt Seat Equitation 15-17 – fence heights not to exceed 3’.

Amateur Adult Equitation – fence heights not to exceed 2’9”.

***Modified Children’s Equitation** – fences not to exceed 2’3”. Open to junior riders who have never shown higher than 2’6” at any recognized show.

Modified Amateur Adult Equitation – fences not to exceed 2'3". Open to amateur adults. Riders cannot have shown in classes higher than 2'6" at any recognized show in the previous three show seasons.

Children's Equitation - fence heights not to exceed 2'6". Open to junior riders who have never shown higher than 3' at any recognized show.

***The Stone Pony Junior Equitation Classic** – fences not to exceed 2'6". Open to any junior rider (under age 18) that has shown in any NHHJA equitation class with fence heights between 2'3" and 3'. First round scores to be announced. Top four riders return for testing. The Stone Pony Junior Equitation Classic will be held at the following shows: Spring Show, Summer Festival, and NH Finals. Points accumulated at shows will count towards Year End award. Rider OR representative must be present at Year End Banquet to receive award.

***Eaton Berube Amateur Adult Equitation Classic** - Fences not to exceed 2'6". Open to any amateur adult rider that has shown in any NHHJA equitation class over fences with fence heights between 2'3" and 2'9". First round scores to be announced. Top four riders to be tested. Points to accumulate at Spring Show, NHHJA Summer Festival and NH Finals for year-end award. Prizes for champion and reserve champion. Rider OR a representative must be present at Year End Banquet to receive award.

Qualifying Medal Classes

- must be a member to accrue points for finals -

***NH Adult Medal** – fences not to exceed 2'9". Amateur riders 18 years of age and older must accumulate 12 points in order to qualify. Riders will be required to perform over a minimum of 8 fences with at least one change of direction. At least three (3) riders must complete the course. Testing is optional and is at the discretion of the judge. *USEF Tests 1-18. Note: When rider wins Adult medal class at year-end finals, he/she must skip one (1) year of competing in the class at the finals, but may return to compete in the class the following year.*

***NH Junior Medal** – fences not to exceed 3'. Junior riders must accumulate 12 points in order to qualify. Riders will be required to perform over a minimum of 8 fences with at least one change of direction. At least three (3) riders must complete the course. Testing is optional and is at the discretion of the judge. *USEF Tests 1-18. Note: When rider wins Junior medal class at year-end finals, the rider no longer eligible to compete in the class again at finals.*

***NH Children's Medal** - fence heights not to exceed 2'6". Open to junior riders who have never shown higher than 3' at any recognized show. Riders will be required to perform over a minimum of 8 fences with at least one change of direction. At least three (3) riders must complete the course. Testing is optional and is at the discretion of the judge. *USEF Tests 1-8. Note: If a rider wins Children's medal class at year-end finals two(2) years consecutively, the rider is no longer eligible to compete in class again at finals.*

***NH Modified Children's Medal** – fence heights not to exceed 2'3". Open to junior riders who have never shown higher than 2'6" at a recognized show. Must accumulate 12 points to qualify. Riders will be required to perform over a minimum of 6 fences with at least one change of direction. At least three (3) riders must complete the course. Testing is optional and is at the discretion of the judge. *USEF Tests 1-7. Note: When rider wins Modified Children's medal class at year-end finals two (2) years consecutively, the rider is no longer eligible to compete in class again at finals.*

***NH Modified Amateur Adult Medal** – fence heights 2’3”-2’6”. Open to amateur riders 18 years of age and older who haven’t shown higher than 2’6” at a recognized show in the current or previous 3 years. Must accumulate 12 points to qualify. Riders will be required to perform over a minimum of 8 fences with at least one change of direction. At least three (3) riders must complete the course. Testing is optional and is at the discretion of the judge. *USEF Tests 1-7. Note: When rider wins Modified Adult medal class at year-end finals, he/she must skip one (1) year of competing in the class at the finals, but may return to compete in the class the following year.*

***NH Novice Medal** – fence heights not to exceed 18”. Open to junior and amateur adult riders who have never shown higher than 2’ at a recognized show. Must accumulate 12 points to qualify. Riders will be required to perform over a minimum of 6 fences with at least one change of direction. At least three (3) riders must complete the course. Testing is optional and is at the discretion of the judge. *Note: When rider wins Novice medal class at year-end finals 2 years consecutively, he/she is no longer eligible to compete in the class again at finals.*

ALL YEAR-END FINAL MEDAL CLASS WINNERS ARE STILL ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN MEDAL FINAL QUALIFYING CLASSES AT NHHJA AFFILIATED SHOWS, BUT MUST FOLLOW SPECIFICATIONS ABOVE FOR FINALS ELIGIBILITY.

Pleasure Divisions

Walk-Trot Pleasure – Open to riders 10 years of age and under. No child entered may compete in any other class requiring entries to canter or lope at the current show. May not have cantered or loped in any class at a previous show.

Walk-Trot Pleasure Championship – same specifications as Walk-Trot Pleasure class above. Must have entered, shown, and judged in the Walk-Trot Pleasure class in order to show in the Walk-Trot Pleasure Championship class.

***Pony Hunter Pleasure Division** – open to all ponies of a hunter type ordinarily used for pleasure purposes. Adults are permitted to show ponies with suitability to count; light contact with the pony’s mouth is required. To be judged on performance, manners, quality, presence, suitability, substance and soundness. Open to ponies only.

Pony Hunter Pleasure Under Saddle – to be judged at the walk, trot and canter both directions of the ring. May be asked to hand gallop, halt and back.

Pony Hunter Pleasure Championship – specifications to be the same as qualifying class. To be eligible, ponies must have been entered, shown and judged in the Pony Hunter Pleasure U/S.

Hunter Pleasure Horse Division – open to all horses of a hunter type ordinarily used for pleasure purposes with no limitations to status of rider. Light contact with horse’s mouth is required. To be judged on performance, manners, quality, presence, suitability, substance and soundness. Open to horses only.

Hunter Pleasure Horse Under Saddle – to be judged at the walk, trot and canter both directions of the ring. May be asked to hand gallop, halt and back.

Hunter Pleasure Horse Championship - specifications to be the same as qualifying class. To be eligible, horses must have been entered, shown and judged in the Hunter Pleasure U/S.

NEHC Pleasure – open to NEHC members and non-members. Open to all horses ordinarily used for pleasure purposes with no limitations as to the status of rider or place of residence. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter. Will be required to back. Loose rein on

command of judge only, but without loss of contact. Shall be judged on manners, performance and quality in that order. **non pointed NHHJA*

Jumper Divisions

Jumpers may be of any breed or height, stallions, geldings, or mares. The prize list must give a brief summary of the class conditions, the number of jumps, and maximum height for the first round, and table under which class is to be scored. Start and finish of the course: both a start line at least 12' from the first obstacle and a finish line at least 24' beyond the last obstacle must be indicated by two (2) markers at least 12' across. Must have shown in a regular class in the division to be eligible to compete in the division's stake class.

***Puddle Jumpers (2'6")** – open to any horse or pony with no restrictions.

***Schooling Jumpers (3')** – open to any horse or pony with no restrictions.

Children/Adult Amateur Jumper - Open to exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday by December 1st of the current competition year and to Amateur Adult riders. Fences not to exceed 3'3", spreads not to exceed 3'6". Horse/rider combination showing in jumper classes where fences are over 3'6" are not eligible for Children/Adult Amateur classes. May be divided if so stated in the prize list.

Open Jumpers (3'3"-3'6") – open to any horse with no restrictions.

Hunter Divisions

Must have shown in all hunter O/F classes to be eligible to compete in division's stake class. At least two over fences classes and the under saddle class must be completed in order to award division championships.

Fences must simulate obstacles found in the hunting field such as natural post and rail, brush, stone wall, white board fence or gate, chicken coop, aiken, hedge, etc... A ground line is recommended for all fences. The top element must be securely placed so that slight rubs will not cause a knockdown. Open jumper fences such as striped rails and bull's eye panels are discouraged. An in-and-out must never be the first fence.

***Prep Hunter** – to be run all day in hunter rings at respective heights in each ring. Riders must specify that their round is a Prep Hunter round. Only one round is permitted per ring for each horse. This division does not count toward year end awards.

Adult Amateur Hunter – to be ridden by amateurs who are no longer eligible to compete as juniors. Horse/rider combinations are not eligible for any other NEHC rated hunter classes. Horses may be shown by a different rider in any other divisions or classes at the same show. To be judged on performance, soundness, manners and way of going, size of rider to mount and suitability as an amateur adult hunter. Horses may be jogged for soundness at the judge's discretion. Fence heights not to exceed 3'. Spreads not to exceed height of fence. Ponies may be ridden by adults, suitability to count. May be split 18-35 years of age and 36 years of age & over if entries warrant. *Divisions at Summer Festival will be Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35 and Adult Amateur Hunter 36 & over.*

Adult Amateur Hunter Under Saddle – to show at a walk, trot, canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. May be asked to hand gallop collectively one direction of the ring, no more than eight will be asked to gallop at one time. Judged on performance and manners.

***Open Special Hunter Division** – fences not to exceed 2'6". Open to all riders regardless of status.

Open Special Hunter Under Saddle - to show at a walk, trot, and canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. May be asked to hand gallop collectively one direction of the ring, no more than eight will be asked to gallop at one time. Judged on performance and manners.

Modified Adult Amateur Hunter Division – fences not to exceed 2'3". Open to all amateur adult horse/rider combinations that have not competed in the past 3 years at a recognized show in a class with fence heights greater than 2'6". Open to horses and ponies to show over the same course.

Modified Adult Amateur Hunter Under Saddle - to show at a walk, trot, & canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. Judged on performance and manners.

***Baby Green Hunter Division** – fences not to exceed 2'6". No in and outs. Open to any horse or pony in their first two years of showing over fences. Horses and ponies qualify for the Baby Green division for a maximum of two years only. Horses and ponies cannot cross enter in other divisions with jumps exceeding 2'6". Simple changes of lead should not be penalized. Horses/ponies not to have shown over 2'6" at any recognized show.

Baby Green Hunter Under Saddle - to show at a walk, trot, canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses/ponies should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors.

***Suitable Hunter Division** – Horse **and/or** rider may never have competed in a class with fence heights greater than 2' at a recognized show. To be shown over 4 to 8 fences not to exceed 18" with no combinations. May trot or canter fences.

Suitable Hunter Under Saddle - to show at a walk, trot, canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Horses/ponies should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. No more than 8 to canter at one time.

Short Stirrup Hunter Division – open to riders 12 years of age and under. May not compete in any other hunter divisions in a jumping class where fences are higher than 18". May never have shown over fences higher than 18" at any recognized show. To be shown over 4 to 8 fences not to exceed 18".

Short Stirrup Hunter Under Saddle - to show at a walk, trot, canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the mouth is required. Horses/ponies should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. No more than 8 to canter at one time.

***Modified Children's Hunter Division** – fences not to exceed 2'3". Open to junior riders that have never competed in a class with fence heights greater than 2'6" at a recognized show. Open to horses and ponies to show over the same course.

Modified Children's Hunter Under Saddle - to show at a walk, trot, and canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the mouth is required. Should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. Judged on performance and manners.

***Special Child/Amateur Adult Hunter** – Fences not to exceed 2'6". Open to junior and amateur adult horse/rider combinations who have never competed in a class with fence heights greater than 2'9". Horses and ponies to show over the same course.

Special Child/Amateur Adult Hunter Under Saddle - to show at a walk, trot, and canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the mouth is required. Should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. Judged on performance and manners.

Children's Hunter Horse Division – to be shown by junior exhibitors, age as of December 1st of the current show year. Junior exhibitors 15-17 years of age must be eligible for intermediate equitation O/F (have not won 12 blue ribbons) as of Dec. 1st of the current show year. Fences not to exceed 3'0, spreads not to exceed fence height. If entries warrant, the division may be split at the discretion of the management. Same horse/rider combinations may not compete in any other NEHC rated division at the same show except equitation, jumpers, and pleasure. Horses may be shown by another rider in any other division at the same show. Jogging for soundness at the discretion of the judge. Shall be judged on performance and soundness.

Children's Hunter Horse Under Saddle - to show at a walk, trot, and canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the mouth is required. Should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. May be asked to hand gallop collectively one direction of the ring, no more than eight will be asked to gallop at one time. Judged on performance and soundness.

Children's Hunter Pony Division – same judging specifications as Children's Hunter Horse division. Fence heights not to exceed 2' for small & medium ponies, 2'6" for large ponies. Ponies may not cross enter into the regular pony hunter division.

Children's Hunter Pony Under Saddle - to show at a walk, trot, and canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the mouth is required. Should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. May be asked to hand gallop collectively one direction of the ring, no more than eight will be asked to gallop at one time. Judged on performance and soundness.

Working Hunter Pony Division – shown by junior exhibitors. Small ponies not to exceed 12.2 hands, medium ponies not to exceed 13.2 hands and large ponies must exceed 13.2 hands but not exceed 14.2 hands. Fence heights 2'3" for small, 2'6" for medium ponies and 2'9" for large ponies. In all classes, manners, suitability of pony to rider shall be emphasized and extreme speed shall be penalized. Riders may not cross enter into Children's Hunter Pony at the same show.

Working Hunter Pony Under Saddle - to show at a walk, trot, canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the pony's mouth is required. Ponies should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. May be asked to hand gallop collectively one direction of the ring, no more than eight will be asked to gallop at one time. Judged on performance and manners.

***Performance Hunter Division** – open to any horse with no restrictions. Fence heights not to exceed 3'3".

Performance Hunter Under Saddle - to show at a walk, trot, and canter in both directions of the ring. Light contact with the mouth is required. Should be obedient, alert, responsive and move freely. Should not be eliminated for slight errors. May be asked to hand gallop collectively one direction of the ring, no more than eight will be asked to gallop at one time. Judged on performance and soundness.

*denotes non-rated NEHC

New Hampshire Finals

Specifications

1. Horse/rider combinations who have shown in a minimum of 3 NHHJA shows in the current season, in the respective division, shall be eligible to compete in hunter classics. (*See qualifying divisions below*)
2. Riders may ride in more than one Medal class that they are eligible for at affiliated shows. **If a rider *qualifies* for more than one medal class, he/she must choose ONE medal class to compete in at Finals.**
3. One horse and rider combination per Medal class. A horse may only be ridden once, by one rider, in a Medal class at affiliated shows and at Finals.

18" Hunter Classic – Open to horse and rider combinations who have shown in at least 3 NHHJA shows in the current year, in *Short Stirrup* or *Suitable Hunter* divisions. Horse and rider combinations may never have shown over fences higher than 2' at any recognized show.

2'3" Hunter Classic – Open to Horse and rider combinations who have shown in at least 3 NHHJA shows in the current year, in *Modified Children's Hunter* or *Modified Adult Hunter*.

2'6" Hunter Classic – Open to horse and rider combinations who have shown in at least 3 NHHJA shows in the current year, in *Baby Green*, *Open Special*, or *Special Child/Amateur Adult Hunter*.

Pony Hunter Classic – Open to horse and rider combinations who have shown in at least 3 NHHJA shows in the current year, in *Children's Hunter Pony* or *Working Pony Hunter*.

3' Hunter Classic – Open horse and rider combinations who have shown in at least 3 NHHJA shows in the current year, in *Children's Hunter Horse*, *Amateur Adult Hunter*, or *Performance Hunter*.